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### THE HAWAIIAN RAIN GOD.

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In the district of Kau, on the Island of Hawaii, there is a large and peculiarly shaped rock standing upright in a gulch near the big volcano, Mauna Loa, about six miles up the mountain from the sea.

This rock rises from the bed of a stony gulch, about ten feet high, and in contour resembles a man squatting down with a blanket or some sort of covering drawn close around him and held in position by his folded arms.

It requires no vivid imagination to discern this resemblance and being at an altitude where the atmosphere is constantly cool, the clouds drifting over from the warm sea are condensed into rain and the stony god receives a cool shower bath nearly every day.

On these accounts, this singular piece of lava has been for all time recognized by the Natives or Kanaakas as Kumauna, a Rain God.

It is supposed to control the precipitation of the whole island and when rain is desired in any particular section the naturally superstitious natives, in their ignorance, appeal in earnest prayer to this generous god to water their taro patches and fill their water holes with drink.

This reverence is an undoubted inheritance, for even that portion of the younger element of the day which possesses a moderately fair English education will not maltreat it in any way, not even by opprobrious epithet or reproachful language of any sort.

On one occasion, in company with Billie Waggle, a German who lived on the Island, I visited this renowned ruler of the clouds and found on arrival a number of natives doing homage to his august deity.

They were down upon their knees around the God with their faces buried in their hands, their bodies bent forward, and they were chanting in the native language of the Hawaiian Islands. As we too, could speak the language fairly well we understood them to be praying for rain.

In addition to the customary leis, they deposited a dime in United States currency and a "ten sen" piece of Japanese money upon the head of the God, as remuneration for the rainfall which they confidently expected would come in response to their invocation.

When they had completed their doleful ceremony and were about to withdraw from the scene, both Waggle and I, climbed upon the god and threw the leis—wreaths of flowers and vines—which they had placed upon its head, to the rocky bottom of the gulch below.

Spying the money we took it in our hands and laughingly said we were going to take it away with us. The natives were horror-stricken

at our recklessness and promptly fell upon their knees. They implored us as we loved our lives not to trifle with, so terrible, so almighty a god as this; they said our acts of irreverence might so anger him that he would send a downpour of water which would drown us all before we could get away from the place; that if we took away the money we could not keep it as it would burn out of our pockets for it would grow hotter and hotter as we increased the distance between the god and ourselves.

The latter of course we believed less than anything they had said, and to prove the fallacy of their assertion we mounted our horses and rode away each carrying a piece of the money in a pantaloons pocket.

When we had ridden about a mile and a half and the conversation had drifted far away from the god and his money, we felt, simultaneously, hot spots on our skins in the neighborhood of our pants pockets. Suddenly recalling the statement of the natives we reached quickly for our pockets and at the same time exchanged glances of consummate surprise. But we were too late. The money had burned through our pockets and was gone, and had left a most distinct reminder in the nature of painfully blistered streaks extending from our hips to our feet.

The money fell in high grass which was very dry owing to a long absence of rain between that point and the sea. The grass was quickly ablaze, and we galloped away from it as fast as we could, but the stiff wind which was coming down from the volcano drove the flames so fast after us that our horses were soon in a sweeping run. We were frightened out of our very wits and the horses were soon flying wildly before the angry flames. The grass was rank and dry all the way to the sea where the earth ended in a perpendicular lava bluff, three hundred feet high.

It was indeed an agonizing predicament to be in, the fire was burning so rapidly we dared not veer to the right nor the left, else we would be overtaken and consumed, if we attempted to turn and rush through the fire to the burned district behind, cremation would be the inevitable result and if we leaped over the bluff we would be drowned. Death seemed certain and the horses appeared to realize it as well as ourselves. They became frenzied as well as we, and losing all control of them they flew with the speed of the wind toward a terrible death.

Nearer and nearer we approached the fearful bluff, truly bewildered by the awful mental strain, and the high reaching red tongues of fire gained fast upon us and seemed determined to pursue us to a terrible doom.

At last the dreadful moment came and scorched by the fire which died only at the brink of the precipice, we drew one long and final breath, closed our eyes and plunged head long into the air and down with increasing velocity to the fathomless depths below.

In the descent Waggle's horse turned over, causing him to lose his seat and he struck the water first. My horse went straight down and just before he reached the water my mind seemed to clear up and drawing my feet up to and upon the seat of the saddle I sprang upward into the air with all my might. This made so great a difference in the depth to which I sank in the water that before I was out of breath I had reached the surface again and was swimming to a native fisherman's boat which happened to be near by. Waggle never reappeared.—"Hooanoano."

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